

France. The Gestapo was bringing pressure on the French police to arrest him immediately. A high police official informed him that "you have caused my good friend the Consul-General of the United States much annoyance. . . . Unless you leave France of your own free will, I shall be obliged to arrest you and place you in residence forcée in some small town far from Marseille, where you can do no harm." As Varian got up to go, he asked the official, "Tell me frankly, why are you so much opposed to me?" "Because you have protected Jews and anti-Nazis."

Varian played for time. He had no assurance of a replacement, and his staff was afraid that their "relief" organization would collapse if he was forced out of France. And finally he was. The Embassy had refused to reissue his passport unless he agreed to leave at once. The organization sent out nearly 300 people between the time he left in August 1941 and the time it was raided and closed by the police, on June 2, 1942.

Varian returned to the States, wrote his book, and quit *The New Republic* in protest against the pro-Soviet sentiments of its editors. His last years were unhappy. His first wife died, and he was separated from his second. He moved to Connecticut, taught Latin at a local school, and died in 1967. During his thirteen months in France, Varian's organization offered assistance to 4,000 people, and between 1,200 to 1,800 of those people made it to safety. Varian's organization saved British soldiers and pilots, Marc Chagall, Jacques Lipchitz, André Breton, Max Ernst, André Masson, Hans Namuth, Hannah Arendt, Wanda Landowska, Marcel Duchamp, Randolph Pacciardi (leader of Italian exiles fighting in the Spanish Civil War), the German poet Hans Sahl, Victor Serge, Max Ascoli, the pianist Heinz Jolles, the Catholic writer Edgar Alexander-Emmerich, the psychiatrist Dr. Bruno Strauss, the German art critic Paul Westheim, the Sicilian novelist Giuseppe Garetto, the Surrealist poet Benjamin Péret, the former liberal Prime Minister of Prussia Otto Klepper, the museum director Charles Stirling, the novelist Jean Malaquais. There were many, many more. Chagall would not leave until he was assured there were cows in America.

Varian rescued also many people who were not famous, not distinguished, not artistic. And how it burned him that there were many, many more he was unable to rescue. This man really cared.

#### TRIBUTE TO A GREAT LEADER, CHITIMACHA CHAIRMAN RALPH DARDEN

#### HON. W.J. (BILLY) TAUZIN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 11, 1998*

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, we have recently lost an important leader who made a significant difference in the lives of many people in southern Louisiana. The Chitimacha Indian tribe Chairman Ralph Darden had his life cut short on January 8th by a car accident.

Chairman Darden took the small and impoverished Chitimacha Indian tribe virtually from rags to riches in the decade he led the tribe. He believed in hard work and in the tribal members gaining self-reliance and not dependency on the federal government. He helped bring about a dramatic economic development for both the Chitimacha tribe and

the surrounding communities to the point that Chitimacha is the biggest employer in the parish—aside from government.

But it was not only jobs and economic growth that Chairman Darden accomplished for the Chitimacha and southern Louisiana. He was committed to seeing that every Chitimacha child got a college education if they so desired and thus he helped underwrite their college scholarship program. He had served as President of the Chitimacha tribal school board and as a board member of the United South and Eastern Tribes. And he realized that the tribe had to diversify its economic interests and invest in land purchases and other industries for long term security. Already the tribe had one of the finest restaurants in south Louisiana named for the tribe's oldest living member, Mr. Lester. Chairman Darden looked out for the long term interests of his people. And he made his tribe one of the most respected "model" tribes in the country.

Chitimacha Chairman Darden had earlier worked for the current Governor Mike Foster and they remained good friends.

That he was widely respected and appreciated by the tribal members and by the surrounding community members was evidenced at his funeral attended by about 1,000 people. His sons gave moving tributes to their father and a young girl sang the "Colors of the Wind" song from the movie *Pocahontas*.

I cannot improve on the tribute poem written by another notable Indian Howard Rainer "To A Dear Friend":

"Who was this leader among Chitimachas?  
Whose visions for his people went beyond the  
eyes of many?

A man who shared his example that others  
might succeed.

A Chitimacha who gave of his time for the  
cause of his tribe.

A man who prayed for goodness to prevail to  
the prevail to the next generation.

A leader whose heart heard the woes of  
many, and extended his hand to go on.  
Who was Ralph Darden?

A mortal who gave that others might re-  
ceive,

A husband cherished by his wife,

A father admired,

A light to those who now shed their tears,

May the Great Creator God Hear my prayer,

I thank Him for my brother,

Who shared his love and friendship, a gift I  
shall cherish, until we meet again!"

Mr. Speaker, I knew Chairman Darden.

I want to extend my personal condolences to Chairman Darden's family and to the Chitimacha and surrounding communities, and pay my personal tribute for his many achievements. His death is a big loss for all of us.

#### NOTING THE PASSING OF BER- NARD 'BEN' KAUFMAN AN OUT- STANDING BUSINESSMAN

#### HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 11, 1998*

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Bernard "Ben" Kaufman, an outstanding member of the Cleveland business community. Mr. Kaufman passed away on February 4, 1998. He was a good friend and an outstanding gentleman whom I respected and admired. In his

honor, I want to share with my colleagues and others throughout the nation some important information concerning the late Mr. Kaufman.

Ben Kaufman was one of the finest printers throughout the Greater Cleveland area. It was a trade that he learned at an early age and devoted his life to perfecting. He was born and reared in Cleveland. Upon his graduation with honors from South High School, and armed with his printer's union card, he began working in various print shops. His employers included the Plain Dealer, the Cleveland News, and the Cleveland Shopping News.

In 1951, Ben Kaufman became a partner in Brothers Printing. Eight years later, he became the sole owner of the business. Those of us who came to know Ben Kaufman learned that although he owned the print shop, he was one of its best workers. He often worked long hours, arriving before sunrise each morning and working late in the evening.

Throughout his career, Mr. Kaufman took pride in the fact that he retained his union membership. Individuals who ran for public office, regardless of party affiliation, utilized his print shop. In fact, I recall that it was not unusual to encounter your political opponent while visiting Brothers Printing. My brother, the late Ambassador Carl B. Stokes, and I could always depend upon Ben Kaufman for printing advice and political advice as well.

Mr. Speaker, Ben Kaufman was also an individual who cared about the community. He was affectionately known as the "Mayor of Euclid Avenue" for his commitment to maintaining the neighborhood. Other merchants and residents of Euclid Avenue looked forward to the American flags which would line the streets on various holidays. We also recall that he would plant trees along Euclid Avenue in order to beautify the neighborhood.

Ben Kaufman was proud of the fact that his sons, Jay and David, followed in his footsteps and continue to operate Brothers Printing. I have enjoyed a close friendship with the Kaufman family and I extend my deepest sympathy to Jay and David upon the loss of a devoted father. I also want to express my sympathy to Ben's wife of 48 years, Doty; his daughters, Roseann and Laura; his grandchildren and other members of the family. Ben Kaufman will be remembered as an outstanding businessman, a loving husband and father, and a very special friend to all who knew him. He will never be forgotten.

#### TRIBUTE TO HOSPICE

#### HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 11, 1998*

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, while November was National Hospice Month, I would like to take a moment now that the busy holiday season is over to recognize and thank several of the hospices which serve the communities in my district. Hospice of North Central Florida, Bay Medical Center Home Care and Florida Hospices, Inc., which is based in Tallahassee and serves all of Florida's hospices, make invaluable contributions to North Florida's families, all year round.

Hospice care involves a team of professionals, including physicians, nurses, therapists, home care aides, counselors and volunteers who help terminally ill patients and their